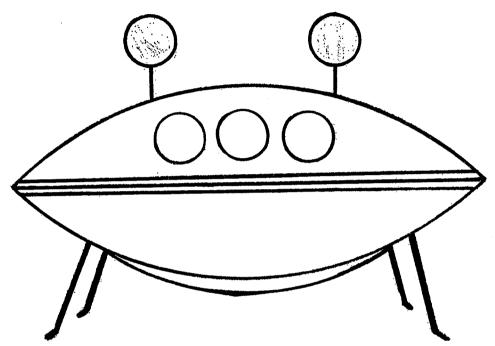


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**Editorial** 

### The Resurrection of ETH\*

Back on my soap-box again? Why

It disturbs me that currently the trend seems not just to produce hypotheses other than the ETH, but to dismiss it altogether. Indeed, not only to dismiss the ETH but to deny that UFOs may have a physical origin at all. Certainly a proportion of the residue of 'unknowns' includes reports with parapsychological or psychic overtones. Certainly a number of witnesses to such events have also had psychic experiences.

Certainly in some cases a 'nonmaterial' explanation appears the more likely.

Certainly the diverse nature of reports generally suggests to some a deeper explanation than can be provided by 'straightforward' extra-terrestrial excursions and visitations.

Nevertheless, a fair number of 'highstrangeness' accounts still do only exhibit physical characteristics, and to those who would place the whole phenomenon in the psychic and paranormal fields, I would ask: "What, then, is the point of Bufora—or indeed any UFO Investigation Group anywhere in the world—existing at all?"

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Sat, 12 April 1980: 7 pm: Special Guest from France: Dr Alain Esterle. Sat, 3 May 1980: 7 pm: Teaching Ufology. Speaker: Lionel Beer, FRAS.

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For the *entire* phenomenon then falls within the jurisdiction of such organisations as *The Society for Psychical Research!* Some years ago, Dr Hynek advised ufologists to specialise. Are we not, in fact, doing precisely the reverse?

Surely, whilst we have to acknowledge that in some instances a paranormal association exists, we must also agree that we are best equipped to investigate the apparently physical phenomenon we were founded to enquire into. and this is probably our best bet for ultimately uncovering its solution. It goes without saying that non-physical aspects should be investigated and recorded, but, what can one then do about them 1? am reminded of a gentleman at a meeting of the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain when the subject of the talk was the This gentleman sug-Raudive Voices. gested—indeed. forcefully statedthat the obvious way to prove their origin was by holding a séance to find out, oblivious of the fact that he would be 'explaining' one unknown by invoking the aid of another! I feel strongly that this line of approach is currently noticeable—too noticeable in worldwide UFO research.

The possibility also exists that both physical and psychic entities may at times utilise the same medium (no pun intended!). Remember the case of Artinaa (see Vol 8, Nos 4 & 5), where the proposition was put forward of extra-terrestrials getting in touch with 'sensitives' on Earth by technological means.

To summarise: Parapsychological/ Psychic/Interdimensional possibilities cannot, and should not be ignored, but:

- 1 Part of the UFO phenomenon is physical.
- We are far better placed to research a physical mystery than to solve an ethereal one, particularly should Earth or Lunar bases be involved.
- 3 Should the physical mystery be solved, it might well result in a better understanding of some types of paranormal phenomenon also.

What active steps can be taken that have not already been attempted? This question will be examined in the next issue.

Norman Oliver

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## UFO-probe in the Kremlin?

From our Russian correspondent

An interesting phenomenon was observed in 1977 in the Kremlin of Moscow. At about half past eight in the morning of 5 August, a fiery spherical object suddenly appeared about 200m over the Great Kremlin Palace. Its estimated diameter was about one meter. A few seconds later the fiery ball moved and soon divided into three minor balls. One of them descended to the Ivanovskaya Square, the other to the Tainitski Garden: what happened to them is not known. The third yellow ball, about 5cm in diameter, proceeded towards the Arkhangelski Cathedral. It was raining very hard. The cathedral door was open. Moving at about one meter from the ground, the fiery ball flew inside, between the keeper of the cathedral and a watchman who were standing one meter apart. In a few seconds the ball moved silently inside the cathedral to the altar and exploded against the iconostasis. No damage was caused apart from a slightly burnt wooden volute of the iconostasis carving.

An investigation into the incident resulted in Dr Mikhail T Dmitriev, Soviet chemist and ball lightning expert, reporting in the Soviet sciencefiction magazine Vokrug Sveta (Around the World), June 1979, that this was ball lightning.

That may well be, but the mysterious ball produced effects typical of UFOs. A strong odour of ozone appeared in the cathedral. Light intensity of the 5cm ball was 5-10 times that of sunlight. Its estimated energy would have been enough to destroy the whole cathedral. Nevertheless, no heat from the ball was felt by those a half-meter from it and its light only dazzled the witnesses. However, 2-3 days later, they showed signs of hypertension: violent headaches: distorted vision, etc. A ball lightning interpretation of this phenomenon is at variance with the fact that the architectural complex of the Kremlin is provided with the most perfect lightning protection systems. And the fiery ball behaved as though no such protection were there.

One more point. About 400 years ago, a similar fiery ball flew into the same Kremlin cathedral, approached the altar and exploded against the iconostasis.

There are difficulties with both UFOoriented and ball lightning interpretations of this phenomenon and thorough investigations of the event are continuing.

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## Messengers From The Stars

### W Raymond Drake

As our astronauts land on the Moon, soon on Mars, we sense most ancient memories, as if all this has happened before. Perhaps the future lies in the past? Surely the greatest reward from the space-flights is not that dreary moon-rock or those desolate Martian landscapes, but the most tremendous revolution in human thought since the Renaissance. Man stands on the threshold of a new Cosmic Age challenging the stars.

The Poets of Antiquity sang of those glorious days when Earth was young. Celestials descended from the stars, bringing that wondrous Golden Age all over the world. The Giants rebelled against their Space-Lords. War was waged with titanic bombs. Cataclysms split continents below the sea. Man sank back to barbarism. Solitary survivors remembered their Sky Teachers and prayed to the heavens. Wondrous Beings came down to be worshipped as Gods.

What is the Universe? What is Man? Who are you?

Light is said to travel at 186,000 miles per second: it takes only 11/4 seconds for light to travel from the Moon: 8 minutes from the Sun and about 4 years from the nearest star. Astronomers say it would take 20,000 million years for light to travel across the expanding Universe. The visible Universe consists of about a thousand million island galaxies separated by immense distances. Our Milky Way contains tances. Our Milky about 200 billion stars, most with planets, millions probably with civilisations more advanced than our Earth. Near the edge of the galaxy is a small, yellow, dwarf-star, of no importance whatsoever, except that it happens to be our own Sun. Around our Sun revolve nine planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, perhaps another planet, Prosperpine. There was probably a tenth planet, Maldek, between Mars and Jupiter, which ages ago disintegrated into the asteroids, possibly exploded by its own mad scientists. Our Earth is just a grain of sand in the vast Universe. On this tiny world live about 4,000 million people, one of whom is YOU.

Physicists theorise the existence of a mirror-universe of anti-matter. Students of the occult believe there are also parallel Universes, astral and etherean Realms, other dimensions we cannot normally apprehend, perhaps the origin of those elusive Flying Saucers. The discovery of Black Holes suggests that stars have lived and died long before Earth was born. These suns probably had planets with great civilisations, billions of years ago; before their own world died these Supermen would surely set forth to colonise other solar-systems. We descend not from ape-men, but from glorious Celestials from the stars. Today we use only a fraction of our potential brain-power. My Friends, we are more than men, we are Sons of the Gods!

Travel from the stars is said to be unlikely, even with the photon drive at the speed of light and the benefit of Time-Dilation suggested by Einstein's Theory of Relativity. I think that Extraterrestrials infinitely more advanced than ourselves may take short cuts via those famous Black Holes through hyper-space and circumnavigate the Universe as we now fly around our own Earth.

Do Spacemen come from our own Solar System? Some people believe

that the Sun does not emit heat and light, only rays modulated into heat and light by the planet itself. Mercury may not be so hot as we think. Russian Venera 9 and 10 probes on Venus beamed pictures suggesting those sunny mountains claimed by Spacemen, the fantastic temperatures are said to be wrong. Mars may have been inhabited long ago, it could have a civilisation underground. Some asteroids are thought to be huge Spaceships come to survey Earth. Lifeforms based perhaps on nitrogen and silicon may exist on Jupiter or Saturn. Astronomers insist that life cannot exist in the icy wastes and poisonous atmospheres of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, forgetting that these worlds may have internal heat and light of their own from volcanic and radioactive sources with surface layers of oxygen. Data telemetered from our artificial satellites is said to show no signs of life here on our own Earth. If our Earth is uninhabited, surely we have a right to know! Do the Spacemen come from the Moon? In my novel, based on my own play, Man in the Moon, I describe a sub-lunar civilisation of 500 women and only 50 men. These sex-starved women kidnap the American and Russian cosmonauts: finally they establish relations with Earth. I think someone should tell NASA about those love-lorn blondes. Our own Earth has been said to be hollow, with the fabulous civilisation of Agharta, the Saucers appearing through vents in the North and South Poles. Yogis tell of mysterious Shamballah, a subterranean civilisation of Great Masters in Tibet.

Many sensitives believe the Gods or Spacemen originate from Inner Realms or Etherean planets inhabited by Beings who sometimes manifest to our senses as Apparitions or teleport themselves here with—or without—Spaceships, the Angels of our Bible.

Some scholars believe that Past, Present and Future exist in Eternal Now. The Gods could be Time-Travellers from Atlantis venturing centuries ahead or Travellers from the future regressing to the past—our present. My own novel Tallus—1990 describes Tallus, who regresses from AD 4000 to 1990 to find his affinity and to see our own civilisation destroyed by a comet. It is said the Gods could be Ultra-terrestrials existing in our environment on a space-time continuum different from ours. Some of the Spacemen could be robots or even materialised thought-forms projected by advanced Psychics on other worlds. When we do know who the Gods really are, we shall be Gods ourselves.

Legends tell of Hyperborea, Lemuria, Atlantis, fabulous civilisations in America and Asia with a fantastic psycho-electrical Science, suggestive of Spacemen. Direct evidence from the remote past is limited to a few scattered fossils and weather-eroded petroglyphs bearing cryptic symbols we cannot read. Catastrophic earthquakes, fires, floods and waves of barbarians destroyed the written records, memories of the mighty civilisations filtering down through countless generations inevitably becomes confused into folk-tales which our twentieth-century minds interpret in terms totally foreign to the actual conditions of the far past. The only real evidence of remote ages must be found in the legends of all nations, traditions narrated by Berossus, Herodotus, the classical Greek and Roman writers, the Popol Vuh of Guatemala and our own Bible. The few ancient writings left to us suggest that Extra-terrestrials were appearing world-wide three and four thousands years ago. I mention a few dates to introduce my revelations about Spacemen world-wide.

- 2400BC In China, the Shan-hai-Ching, Book Seventeen, states that a trouble-some race of humans called the Miao lost the power to fly, and after quarrelling with the 'Lord' on High, were exiled. This may suggest some conflict with Spacemen.
- 2346BC The Chinese classic Hsuinan-tzu, Chapter Eight, describes the appearance of ten suns in the sky. The Emperor Yao ordered his 'Divine Archer,' Tzu-Yu, to shoot down the nine false suns, leaving the real sun to shine on the follies of mankind. Were those false suns 'Spaceships?'
- 2300BC A Japanese work, Sei-to-ki, states that in Korea a Divine Man descended and ruled the people for a thousand years. He evokes the mysterious Count St Germain who is said to have lived on Earth for centuries.
- 2000BC In Kyushu Province, Japan, a Chip-San tomb depicts an ancient King waving his hand in welcome to seven Sun Discs. Were they Spaceships?
- 2000BC Dionysius of Halicarnassus in his Roman Antiquities, Book 2-61, states that Minos in Crete received the Laws from Zeus on Mt Ida. Was Zeus a Spaceman?
- 1950BC The 'Lord' and two 'Angels' appeared to Abraham by his tent on the plain of Mamre. Abraham washed the 'Lord's' feet and gave him food. Surely this 'Lord' was not the Creator of the Universe, but a Celestial from another planet.

- 1950BC The 'Lord' and two 'Angels' destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah with fire from Heaven. Scientists say that in this desolate area, near the Black Sea, there are traces of radioactive soil. Were those doomed cities destroyed by nuclear bombs like Hiroshima and Nagasaki?
- 1800BC In India, the wonderful Ramayana tells how Prince Rama launched aerial invasion of Lanka (Ceylon) and fought fantastic duels with the giant Ravana to rescue Sita, his wife. The war was waged with flying-chariots and nuclear bombs.
- 1780BC In Babylon, Hammurabi received his famous Laws from Shamash, the Sun God.
- 1500BC In Egypt, circles of fire are said to have hovered over the Palace of Pharaoh Thutmosis III. The controversial Tulli papyrus mentions the fall of fish and flesh, possibly birds and animals caught in the force-field of spaceships then jettisoned from a great height.
- 1400BC The marvellous Mahabharata describes in India the fantastic war in Earth and Sky fought by Arjuna and the giant Rakshasas with flyingmachines, guided missiles and nuclear bombs.
- 1400BC In Crete, the sudden destruction of Knossos is attributed to the volcanic explosion of Santorin Island nearby. The story of Daedalus shows that the Cretans were experimenting with flight. Was Knossos blasted by Celestials, perhaps the same spacemen mentioned in the Mahabarata?

1375BC In Egypt the heretic Pharaoh Aknaton showed cosmic idealism. For a few years his genius transformed the country with a philosophy of peace and beauty which inspires us today. Was this young Avatar taught by Spacemen?

1287BC In Lebanon, Ramses II faced annihilation by the Hittites near Kadesh. He prayed to Amen. The God came to him with all the power of a hundred thousand men. Ramses won a glorious victory, so he said. Nearby are the ruined columns of Baalbek, believed to be an ancient landing-site. Was the God who saved Ramses, the same spaceman who a few years later sided with the Israelites?

1280BC The 'Lord' inspired Moses to deliver the Children of Israel from Egypt. Was Jehovah a Spaceman?

1275BC The 'Lord' in his 'Power and Glory' descended amid fire and smoke on Mt Sinai and gave Moses the Ten Commandments. Was the 'Power and Glory' a Spaceship?

1200BC In the Trojan War, Homer's Iliad describes how the Gods and Goddesses fought for Greece and Troy. About the same time the 'Lord' was aiding Joshua to conquer Canaan. The Chinese Feng-Shen-I describes fantastic wars in Earth and Sky between men and Gods.

950BC Solomon's Temple associated with Cherubim (Spacemen?) built for the 'Lord.'

880BC Sculptures in Babylon showed Shalmaneser II accompanied by Winged Counsellors, presumably Spacemen. 860BC Sculptures in Babylon showed Assurnazirpal III accompanied by Winged Counsellors, presumably Spacemen.

850BC Elijah spoke with the 'Lord' and was translated in a whirlwind to Heaven.

800BC Semiramis, Queen of Babylon, was possibly a spacewoman.

716BC Romulus was translated to the skies in a cloud.

687BC The army of Sennacherib besieging Jerusalem was annihilated by an 'Angel' of the 'Lord'

660BC In Japan, Heavenly Deities assisted the Emperor Jimau against the Ainu.

640BC In Rome, Tullus Hostilius was killed by fire from Heaven.

630BC Zoroaster received Laws of Persia from Ahura-Mazda on Mt Sabalan.

593BC Ezekiel's vision of a Spacewheel by the river Kebar, Babylon.

538BC Daniel saw an 'Angel' near Babylon.

508BC Polsena in Italy destroyed by Fire from Heaven.

498BC Castor and Pollux saved the Roman army at Lake Regilius.

490BC The 'Gods' aided the Athenians against the Persians at Marathon.

480BC The 'Gods' watched over the Greeks defeating the Persians at the great naval battle at Salamis.

To be continued . . . .

The 'Ancient Astronaut' approach is not, I am aware, one shared by all UFO researchers. Raymond, however, has probably researched this aspect more than anyone else, and his numerous books have earned him an entry in Who's Who in the World—Ed.

### **Book Review**

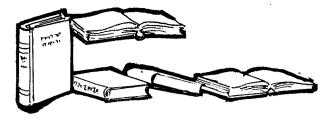
Psychic Archaeology Jeffrey Goodman Granada £1.50.

In 1901, Frederick Bligh Bond, Director of Excavations for Glastonbury Abbey, began to dig at

the east end of the abbey, and on barren ground, contrary to all expectations, he unearthed the large Edgar Chapel. The precise locations and exact measurements of the Chapel had come to Bond in a series of automatic writings produced during psychic contact with monks and abbots who had lived and worked at the abbey. Further experiments yielded information enabling Bond to reconstruct the refectory, the monks' dormitory, the chapter house, towers, chapels and most of what we see at Glastonbury today.

In 1941, the Polish medium, Stefan Ossowiecki, gave a detailed description of an Old Stone Age dwelling, its decorations, occupants and their way of life 15,000 years ago. Ossowiecki 'saw' the scene as he handled a palaeolithic spearhead during a psychic experiment attended by several distinguished guests.

Coming right up to date, Goodman, once the marketing manager for Standard Oil of New Jersey, tells how a vision of an ancient site in Arizona seen in a dream led him to turn to the powers of a medium, and eventually to find and excavate the site. The medium produced a detailed set of predictions about the site: its location: the nature of the ground: the geological strata at various levels: the archaeological finds. When these predictions had been utterly rejected by the archaeological establishment, Goodman went on to find the evidence exactly as predicted.



Whether you are archaeologist, psychic or neither, you will certainly find this a fascinating book. The struggles Goodman undertakes with the attitudes of the university archaeologists and their authority, and his subsequent ostracism are just as real today as they were when Bond had to conceal the true source of his information about Glastonbury Abbey 70 years ago.

Having read the book and its methodical suggestions for applying psychics to archaeological research, we can now ask ourselves whether such psychic methods can be applied to UFO research. We have already seen how hypnotism can throw light on the sighting from the witnesses' side, now perhaps we are in a position to gain information relating to the other side. (No pun intended).

By suggesting this, we are sure to come up against the same resistance which Bond and Goodman experienced—in fact, despite the evidence and its results, Bond was described as one of the 'well-known loonies' when this present book was reviewed in a recent issue of Popular Archaeology magazine. I do not wish to discuss iconoclasm or conservatism (I'll leave the reader to satisfy his or her own conscience on whether or not their mind is closed), but I feel we could apply the psychic method, which has great potential in other fields of study, to UFO research.

Malcolm Bull

## Report—Extra!

### UFO in colour

Inv Stuart Campbell

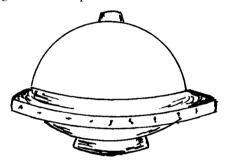
Rarely is a UFO photographed, certainly not in detail or colour. Thus it is of great interest when a witness is able to reproduce what she saw in the form of an oil painting: painting is this witness's pastime. (The outline drawing shown here is taken from a colour photo of the painting. Regrettably it proved impracticable to reproduce the photo itself.—Ed.)

The witness is the 41-year-old wife of a grieve (Scottish farm manager), living in a rural part of north-east Scotland. Fearing ridicule, she requests anonymity. The case came to light through the Daily Express 'UFO Bureau.'

One evening in mid-August 1964 or 1965 (she cannot be more precise), at about 2200 hrs BST, she went outside her isolated farmhouse to fetch some washing off a clothes line. It was then that she saw an orange globe rise up over a wood to her right and travel slowly SE to her left at treetop height until it reached the end of the wood, when it descended into a clearing between the end of the wood and a large The globe came down to within two metres of the ground and hovered at that height. There appeared to be a yellow-blue cloud of light around the waist of the globe, but, as it descended, this cloud seemed to take on a more definite form, giving off red and green flashes. The cloud gradually resolved itself into a revolving pewter-grey ring in which there were set many bright lights, like car headlights, at regular intervals around the ring. The speed of rotation gradually slowed until it ceased altogether, as did the flashes. She could then see the object clearly, at a distance of 200m.

Presented by Norman Oliver

The witness estimates that the object was the size of the average living room: *ie*—capable of holding several people. The surface of the sphere was a bright luminous orange, resembling the colour of those fluorescent ankle socks popular in the 1950's. It also appeared to be quite solid, metallic and highly polished. Below the ring there was a dark-grey projection, and on top of the sphere something that looked like glass or clear plastic.



After watching for about a minute, the witness went to call her husband, but as she did so, the UFO tipped to an angle of 12°, rose to treetop height, wobbled like a top when it starts to totter, hesitated and moved away in an arc to the SW. She lost sight of it over another cottage about 600m away. No sound was heard. The weather was warm, dry and calm, with a clear sky. Investigation has produced no evidence for or against the account, but there seems no reason to doubt it.

Explanations will vary with individuals, but this investigator draws attention to the features of this UFO which are similar to those of ball lightning. Orange is a typical colour for the phenomenon. Exposition of a theory that could account for such UFOs will be available at a later date, not necessarily in this journal.

## Manoeuvering Disc at Mickleover

Inv M Keatman

Witness (anonymity requested) was watching the sky for satellites, meteors, etc, from the back garden of his bungalow at Mickleover, Derby, when, at an elevation of about 60° he saw an 'explosion' of very bright, white light. This was localised, taking up less space than the Moon, and after a second or so it faded.

Almost at once, 15° below, a craft appeared, dropping down incredibly fast, (witness estimated a speed of around 2,000 mph), and rapidly becoming larger. It pulled out of its vertical dive when about 150 feet above the ground. A glowing band extended three-quarters of the way around the craft's outermost rim: this band was predominantly pink in colour but interspersed with green and red and was possibly caused by a heated area created by the craft's speed. Otherwise, it was a disc shape of dull metallic silver, estimated to have a diameter of app 150 feet, and at this point was considered by the witness to be less than 1,000 feet away.

After pulling out of its dive, it swept upwards and back on itself in an S-shape, its underside again glowing as it banked. At around 2,000 feet, the glow faded and it again swooped earthwards. Coming lower this time, the manoeuvre was again repeated, the object on this occasion only reaching 1,000 feet in its upward climb. On its final swoop, it was lost to sight behind the garage, but witness estimated that by then it had slowed from its original 2,000 mph down to 150 mph.

The UFO now appeared again, having sprouted small 'wings.' These seemed to be metallic, but of a different metal to the object itself, from which they

tapered—very flimsy looking, like 'butterfly wings.' Moving across in front of the witness the object curved up to 30° elevation to his right, the right wing flexing upwards with the movement. (All this time the object was still decelerating down to about 50 mph). Then it swept to his left, the left wing flexing upwards with the manoeuvre. Swinging to directly in front of his position it wobbled four times and flew away, still wobbling into the distance. These four wobbles seemed to be placing it on a straight course and each successive wobble was less noticeable, the last being almost imperceptible. The object then flew away in this horizontal position, still decelerating. The small wings disappeared with the first wobble, simply 'flashing out of sight.' The only noise heard from the object was a slight swish as it pulled out of its initial dive as though it was displacing air. Duration of the incident was probably about 30 seconds.

## Anglesey yet again!

Inv K Babb

In all, there were seven witnesses to this sighting, four in one group, two others together and a passing motorist. However, as their reports do not include any indication regarding publicity, and one feels that out of seven witnesses, one or two at least might not wish their names quoted, these have been withheld, but full details are on file.

The chief witness was travelling in his car along the Penysarn by-pass, Anglesey, in the direction of Dulas at about 10.40 pm on Sunday, 8 October 1978. As he came onto the by-pass, out of the corner of his eye he noticed a strange light quite high up to his left: this

passed over the car in the direction of Carmel, then remained stationary.

Witness then stopped at a friend's house and three others came out to watch. At first, nothing was seen and two went back in, but then, from the general direction of Carmel, a small orange speck appeared in the sky, growing in size. The other two were called out again to watch the object, which was like two saucers joined at the rim by a black band. Not all that high up and at first just hanging in the air, it then began to move slowly towards the startled witnesses: suddenly it reversed direction and veered slowly off to their right, tilting as it did so. As it performed the tilting manoeuvre it appeared to change shape, taking the form of a triangle with its point uppermost and showing two square protrusions near its lower points.

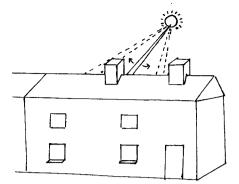
Apart from the black band, it was orange in colour, and although having a distinct shape, there was an orange glow around it. No sound was heard. Finally, it shot away rapidly in the Rhos-y-bol direction and was lost in the glare of the lights from the Shell tank farm near Rhosgoch.

The investigator comments that he didn't consider the witnesses were jumping on the Llanerchymedd bandwagon.' Readers will also recall the report from Bodorgan of PC John Owens and his wife in October 1977, and of the earlier sighting by school-children at Rhos-y-bol.

## Stafford UFO and Light Beam

Inv A Pace/M Keatman

The witness to this occurrence on 14 October 1978, has requested anonymity and the following detailed sequence of events in this Stafford sighting has been compiled by the investigators:



#### The Event

- Witness set out from home on his normal route to work, which took him through the street where he saw the object.
- 2 As he walked down the deserted street it was 06.30 and still dark.
- 3 He suddenly noticed a large sphere of light in the sky to the NNE at 30° elevation.
- 4 He stopped, very startled by the object's presence.
- 5 After about two seconds, a line of light appeared beneath the object like a torch being switched on. This shone vertically downwards.
- 6 This thin cylinder of light grew into a cone of angle app 30°.
- 7 The cone then began to swing back and forth beneath the main light, similar to a pendulum—towards and away from the witness—constantly changing its diameter.
- 8 After observing this for about 8 seconds, the object disappeared as though switched off. During the last 4 seconds of the observation, the witness had begun to walk again and carried on to work very perturbed.

### The Main Light Source

- 1 It had the apparent size of the sun.
- 2 It appeared to be translucent, neither solid nor transparent.
- 3 It was uniform—it had no darker or lighter patches on its surface.
- 4 It had a glow around its edge similar to a penumbra (witness's words).
- 5 It appeared to be two, not three, dimensional.
- 6 It remained stationary throughout the sighting: it did not rotate, wobble or vibrate.

- 7 Witness estimated it to be about 1,000 feet off the ground.
- 8 Witness considered it to be on a larger object.

### The Light Beam

- The light beam appeared initially as a line of light.
- 2 It then assumed a conical shape.
- 3 Although it looked two-dimensional, the witness felt sure it had a three-dimensional form.
- 4 It appeared to be dimmer than the main light source: the witness claims to have seen a star through it.
- 5 The beam came from the bottom-most point on the sphere.
- 6 It did not glow around the edges.
- 7 It did not rotate, wobble or vibrate as it moved.
- 8 Witness thought it was a hollow beam.
- 9 Its largest spread angle was about thirty degrees.
- 10 It appeared simply as a light source.
- 11 The witness did not actually see it illuminate anything.
- 12 It appeared to be brighter around its edges than in the centre.
- 13 It moved about like a pendulum, changing its diameter as it did so.
- 14 The witness thought it was assuming the width of the objects it was touching (or supposedly touching) on the ground.
- 15 It reminded the witness of a laser beam.
- 16 Witness thought it was scanning the ground.

The witness could not remember if the beam disappeared simultaneously with the object: he thought it had not —ie: that the object disappeared just after the light beam. He felt that it was under intelligent control, saying that it was rather eerie and he gained the impression that it would draw him up!

## Oval Craft over Clwyd

Inv Colin Bord

Keith Jones, a chef at a country rest-

aurant, had crossed the A525 road to go to his home to collect some herbs. On his way back to his kitchen at Brookhouse Mill, Denbigh, Clwyd, his attention was attracted by a brilliant flashing light on the underside of an oval craft which was passing silently and very fast overhead. He could only hear the 'whoosh' of rushing air as it passed by. He is familiar with the sight of low-flying aircraft in the area and he could see it was not one of these. He ran into the restaurant and brought out his employer and another man who was a customer, both of whom witnessed the light in the distance, where it appeared to be moving and darting about the sky from point to point. After watching for about 15 minutes, Keith Jones went inside the restaurant and phoned the Denbigh police to make a report. His employer stayed outside and saw the light fade into the distance. The following day, Keith Jones was contacted by police Constable Neville Hughes, who had seen the light whilst on car patrol with Constable Berwyn Jones, and the general direction and appearance of their sighting agreed with that of Keith Jones.

## Moorland Landing?

Inv T Whitaker

Mrs Kathleen Elliott, 29 went outside her East Ayton, Yorks home at about 8.30 pm on 17 August 1978 to call her children in for bed. The sun had just set, the sky was red and she noticed a very large bright—almost dazzling—white object descending horizontally. Together with her own and her neighbour's children, she watched the object as it came down towards the distant moors.

As the UFO—shaped 'like an upside-down saucer'—disappeared from sight behind trees, a very low droning noise was heard. Despite its brilliance, the object was sharply defined. The whole episode lasted between 10 and 15 minutes.

### Black Mountains 'Caravan'

Inv C R Rowlands

Mr P J Martin was visiting friends in South Wales over the Easter holiday in 1977, and on 9 April, they decided to drive out to the Black Mountains. By 12 midday they had wandered several miles ('about an hour's walk') from their car and his friends decided to turn back, but witness remained behind to enjoy the scenery and freshness of the air. No-one else was around when he heard a very loud humming sound, which caused him to look up—to see an object which

'could not have been an aeroplane, helicopter or any other man-made craft.' It had numerous lights, was the shape of 'a caravan or small flat' and quite large. Silver in colour and sharply defined, it remained in view for more than 10 seconds before finally 'fading away.'

## Rugeley Hovering Disc

Inv S W Banks

Despite being 'dated' and 'Miss V,' the witness, requesting anonymity, one feels this report is worthy of record, especially—as indeed was noted by the investigator, it contains some marked similarities to the *Roestenberg* case of 1954.

One night in the late 1950's, whilst the witness was living with her parents in a farmhouse converted into flats, a neighbour rapped on the door and urged the family outside. Other neigh-



bours were outside as well and altogether Miss V considers there were at least six witnesses apart from herself. All were watching a very large disc-shaped object hovering above a field next to the flats.

This object was stationary, silent and at an angle (about 30°), so that the witnesses could see the object's upper surface and the full contours of its shape. At no time did the object move laterally, but light of the 'car headlight' variety was pouring in concentrated form out of several portholes on the side of the disc: this light was not visible as beams, but as a general radiance around the object. The witness feels she might have watched the object for as much as a quarter of an hour before it suddenly shot off vertically at phenomenal speed and in no time at all, had disappeared from view. At no time was the object seen near enough to the ground to have left physical traces.

## Gravelley Bank 'Triangle'

Inv S W Banks

On Thursday, 5 October 1978, Mrs Joan Price set out, at about 7.55 pm, to drive to nearby Normacot from her Gravelly Bank, Stoke-on-Trent home. After travelling some 100 yards she noticed an exceedingly bright, white, stationary light through her right window. She took no notice of it for some 20 seconds, but on reaching the bottom of the Bank, preparing to turn into the Lightwood Road, she saw a triangular shaped object of large proportions, with the same bright, white light positioned at the pointed leading edge traverse the road slowly after



hovering for 30 to 40 seconds over the Seven Stars Public House. At this point, Mrs Price scrambled out of the car, pointed to the object and called a woman at the nearby bus stop to look. As soon as she pointed, the leading large bright light was extinguished and the aura or peripheral light that had edged the object also disappeared, leaving a noticeable duo of rear lights, smaller in nature, one green and one red. These remained visible as the object departed and faded into the distance on what was an exceptionally clear starlit night. The woman at the bus stop, who had probably seen the object only after the leading light was switched off, merely looked flabbergasted and said something like: 'never mind, they weren't going your way.'

At no time did the object rotate or change speed whilst moving, although it definitely hovered for a while. When first seen it was at about 45° to the ground, but gained height as it passed into the distance and was last seen at about 60° angular elevation. No appearance of reflection from the surface of the object was noted, and at no time was the shape very well defined, it being hazy when the aural light was present and impossible to visualise when it went out. At no time either, did the white, green or red lights flash and no sound was heard by the witness, who was particularly unnerved by the way the object had switched off its leading light after she had gesticulated in its direction.

## Audlem Octagon

Inv M A & P Clarke (FUFOR)

At 2 am one morning between 6/18 March 1978, Mrs Anne Findley was in the bathroom on the first floor of her home at Audlem, near Crewe, when through the window she noticed a

bright yellow/gold object she estimated to be about 4 feet in diameter. As bright as the moon, it was noiseless, had sharp outlines and was hovering at about 15° or less above the ground in her garden. She watched the object for over five minutes before deciding to open the window and have a closer look—it was a cold night. When she did, so the object disappeared.

## Workington Silver Ball

Inv R Hall

Charles Wadsworth was with four other witnesses at 8.30 am on 17 January 1979 when they sighted an object from a point near the British Steel Works in Workington, Cumbria. The UFO was observed in an easterly direction and its height estimated at above 5,000 feet.

When first seen it was stationary, but then it moved to the north-west, halted, then retraced its path along its original track and again stopped. Moving off once more at a considerable speed, it suddenly vanished. A small vapour-like trail was left behind it after the first movement, though this was not subsequently seen and was unlike the usual aeroplane vapour trail.

Though compared in shape to a ball, the underside was said to be flat. The upper part was a brilliant silvery colour with what seemed like a halo around it whilst underneath it was reddish/pink.

## New Year Visitant

Inv A Collins

On New Year's Day 1979, between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm, Mrs Palmer, of Tilbury, Essex, looked out of her kitchen window to see 'a huge blazing star': for about a minute it remained

still, then moved slowly towards her, increasing in size. Calling her husband, she turned out the lights and watched the object through the lounge patio doors. It continued its slow approach moving slightly to the right, and when almost overhead, it presented a side view with a large green light at its rear: then; it passed over the roof and the witnesses ran to the front door. As it came into view again, it was at its closest, but then, it seemed to tilt and change direction slightly. Continuing on, it moved slowly away into the distance until fading completely from sight. The total duration of the sighting was some five minutes.

The object's appearance was that of a disc with a dome in the centre 'Blazing white' in colour, first of all one green light was seen at the rear, then, at its closest, many red lights were visible around the curved edges. No sound was heard at first, but when close a rushing sound 'like a loud blowlamp' could be made out. No estimate of size was given.

## Oulton Voice and Light Cylinder

Inv M Keatman

This report comes from a small valley known locally as 'The Flash,' which divides Oulton (Staffs) and the town of Stone. The Oulton Road is unlit, hedge-lined and has a pavement on one side. There are open adjacent fields.

On Friday, 16 June 1978, the witness (a 16-year-old schoolboy who requested anonymity) left his girl-friend's home in Stone at 11 pm, walking quickly since it was raining heavily—back to his own home in Oulton.

At about 11.15 pm he suddenly heard a very loud voice 'talking nonsensically'

all around him: this was so loud that witness thought it must wake everyone in the village and he compared it to that of a radio newsreader. The volume intensity rose and fell as though the voice was being blown on the wind: words, however, could not be distinguished and it faded away after about five seconds.

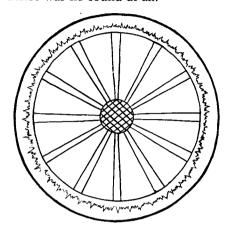
Witness had continued walking, and about 50 metres further on he noticed, through a wooden gate to his right, a cylindrical column of white light. This vertical beam appeared to be in the grounds of a convent and was an estimated 200 metres away, seemingly 3 to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  metres high and 2 metres in diameter: it appeared to be solid and sharply defined. At the precise point where witness considered the beam to be, there is a tall cross about 2 metres high, but from the witness' position, only its top could be seen due to foliage and a small bank obscuring the rest. The bottom of the beam, however, was visible, just as if it were reaching the bottom of the cross. Witness then had the impression something was in the beam, became scared and ran home, having watched the beam for about 5 seconds. There was a gap of only 5 or 6 seconds between the two incidents.

## Bignor 'Bicycle Wheel'

Inv D Stonard

Mrs Thelma Brown—with her husband, John, curator of the Roman Villa at Bignor, W Sussex—was in the front garden of their home at 9 pm on 10 October 1978, when she saw a circle of light about 8 inches in diameter. This resembled a small bicycle wheel, appearing to have spokes coming from a small, solid centre light. The outer ring also seemed to be solid, but there

was an inner 'fuzzy light' to it rather like the pattern on a plate. When she first saw the object, it looked as though it was quite high in the sky: its shape didn't change, though it came down quite fast at first, then more slowly, apparently landing behind some trees. There was no sound at all.



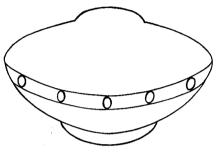
She had called to her husband to watch the object: he saw a bright light in the sky, then went back indoors to fetch his binoculars, but only managed to get a bearing on it as it went behind trees and disappeared from view.

The incident occupied some 3 to 4 minutes and Mr Brown further commented that through the binoculars he had also picked up two aircraft, one high, one low, and was struck by the fact that though the low-flying plane had up to five lights on the fuselage and a red 'belly' light, none were flashing.

## Clayton 'Humming Top' Inv M Keatman

A Clayton (Staffs) housewife was closing the door of her garage at 5.15 pm, on 4 January 1979 when she saw a bright light travelling from right to left across the garage door and heard a

buzzing noise behind her. Hurriedly walking down the path alongside the house she could see a grey object 'just like a child's humming top' with a thick black band containing red lights on it where the seam on a top would be, hovering above the houses on the opposite side of the road. She turned into the back door, thinking to fetch the children, but changed her mind and came out again. Turning up the path the object was again visible, rotating clockwise, and she had the impression that it could see her too.



The UFO was tilted slightly towards her, and as she watched it moved up and away to her left, then took a curved path back to its original position. The buzzing ceased and the object suddenly 'blinked out' and disappeared. Total duration of the sighting was around 20 seconds.

## Blythe Bridge 'Banana'

Inv S W Banks

A 9-year-old schoolgirl, Rachel Harvey was on her way to school at Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent at about 8.35 am on Tuesday, 9 January 1979, when she noticed a strange object moving along above the opposite side of the main road—the A50. Progressing in an undulating manner, it was silvery in colour, and as the sun broke through cloud its rays were reflected brilliantly.

Rachel likened the UFO's shape to that of 'a banana with a dome on top.' It was moving at a constant speed and she probably had it in view for around 2 minutes. During this time it continued to move in the same wavy fashion—though in a straight path—and gradually faded away in the distance.

The investigator comments on a strong association with a similar case a few miles away at Cheadle, Staffs on the same day at 3 pm which was investigated by Derek James and reported in the *Northern UFO News*.

## Werrington 'Crescent and Dome'

Inv S W Banks

The date was 5 March 1979. Driving back at around 12.30 am from the Moorville Hall Hotel, some 2 to 3 miles from their homes in Werrington. Mr Stanley Austin and his stepbrother were near the Moorside School, Cellarhead, when they saw a light which at first was thought to be the Moon. However, it was soon seen to be two separate lights, a small yellow dome above, but not visibly affixed to a much larger 'orange segment' shaped light of the same colour and intensity. By this time they had stopped the car opposite the School entrance gates: the lights became larger and approached them obliquely at an angle of 30° to the path of the car. As it went ahead of them, they decided to follow, but at a point where the main road curved, the object swivelled and put on a burst of speed, so they turned off themselves, driving up Park Road to parallel its flight path, their speed 50-60 mph. As they reached the junction of Park Road and Johnston Avenue, it seemed the object would crash into a row of semi-detached houses. They stopped the car and dropped the window to watch as the UFO flipped over the houses and dropped out of sight as though it had dematerialised.

As it passed over the houses, the witnesses considered it must have been comparable in size to a barrage balloon. At no time, even at the minimum estimated distance of 60 yards, was any noise heard. No other features or lights were seen, but the fact that both lights moved as one indicated that they formed part of the same solid object.

### UFO over Ward's Field

Inv M Keatman | S W Banks

On Monday, 12 December 1977, Sally Johnson, Georgina Ward, Lynne Watkins and Linda Broadhurst, all aged between 8 and 9, were taking turns in riding a pony over heathland known as Ward's Field in Clifton Campville, Staffs. It was between 4.30 and 5 pm, Linda was sitting on a log some distance from where Sally was riding the pony, accompanied on foot by Georgina and Lynne, when Lynne pointed out an approaching object she at first thought was a plane: one of the others said it was a flying saucer and Sally was sufficiently alarmed by the object's approach to fall off the pony which then attemped to bolt, but was restrained by the leash. Other horses in the field appeared unconcerned.

An almost imperceptible humming was the only sound made by the object as it slowly approached and this alarmed the girls more than anything else. Its underside could be seen as it circled above them and viewed from this position it was spinning anticlockwise and looked like two saucers

pressed together at the rims: there was a general white sheen to it. The girls thought it was about 'half the size of the kitchen' (12-15 feet in diameter). There was a protruberance underneath and four black landing legs shaped like an 'L' could be seen. Two central bands, one red, one blue were illuminated the whole time. Two other lights fixed to appendages atop the object simultaneously blinked on and off, again, one red, one blue.

As the object departed it remained roughly at the same altitude (40-50 feet) for some distance (1-2 miles) before dropping with a motion like a falling leaf, into an impenetrable copse for 4 to 5 seconds, then shooting off with a hiss almost vertically. Total observation time was in the region of half a minute.

Sally's mother subsequently informed the police because her daughter was upset by the incident and the constable who arrived treated the account

seriously, telling them of a police car chase nearby some time previously. Details were later received by the investigators of descriptions given to the police at this interview, which, being only four hours after the actual occurrence, would very likely be more These confirmed the time accurate. of the incident as 4.30 pm and the duration of the sighting as 30 seconds. A diameter of around 8 feet was given and variations in descriptions included the following: (A) The two lights on top were red and white in colour. (B) The object had three 'portholes' on its upper section. (C) The object hovered over the witnesses for about five seconds, travelled away in a northerly direction towards the wood and dropped into it. It then ascended and finally shot up into the sky. Since the investigation was made over six months after the incident took place, clearly some differences to the police report were to be expected.

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We extend a warm welcome to the above, whose membership applications were approved by Council at their meetings on 2 June 1979, 6 October 1979 and 8 December 1979.

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A rather misleading title, perhaps, since there was more than one incident and not all were at Harston! It began one morning last December whilst I was looking at a report form from investigator D Stonard of a two-coach train' seen at night between Wells and Cromer in Norfolk, by PC Robert Warren in October 1966. The only snags were that there was no railway and no bridge existed where the

' train' had crossed the road.

At this point my phone rang, and by an extraordinary coincidence, the first thing I was told about was a sighting of a two-coach train without railway or bridge! Other incidents were referred to as well, and since I was shortly to be in the general area—Harston, near Cambridge—it was agreed with NIC and RIC that I should check the reports out.

Basically, these centred around an Innothe Old English Gentleman, at Harston, a village on the A10 some 5 miles from Cambridge, and its landlord, Michael Bradford. In the course of enquiries a large number of reports came to light, but basically, there were the following four incidents:—

### Incident A

This took place on an overcast, windy night in December 1978. Mr Bradford had 'put the dog out' at 1.30 am and had noticed a 'star' to the south: this grew brighter, moved to his left, hovered, then went down at 45° behind trees 2 to 3 miles away near the village of Newton. Witness took his car and drove in the direction of the



'star's' descent. Just before Newton was reached, he observed an orange glow in a stubble field to his left, and, reversing the car, got out and went through a gap in the hedge. Some 150 yards distant across the field, were two pulsating orange lights: these were 25 to 30 feet apart and about 6 feet above ground level, and as one grew brighter, the other dimmed and vice versa.

After a few moments, witness began to walk towards them, but had only gone one or two paces when a very bright white light, comparable in brightness to a 150w bulb, jumped almost from under his feet. Like a tennis ball in appearance, it reached a height of about 6 feet, then zigzagged towards the orange lights, disappearing between them. It was followed over a period of several minutes by about 10 other white balls from various points in the field and surrounding hedges and trees, all performing similar manoeuvres and disappearing between the orange lights.

After a 'straggler' appeared about 15 feet above the ground, witness drove would take it overhead. Initially it

home and returned with his wife, Gwen. The orange lights now seemed 'like the front of a mouth organ'—an orange round rim with downward divisions (no actual shape was discernible around the lights)—and were duller, no longer pulsating. One white ball then came from the top of a tree, disappearing as before. Witnesses then returned home, the lights still there, but revisited the field the next day to estimate distances, etc.

### Incident B

On 1 October 1979, Mr and Mrs Bradford were driving along the B1368 towards Barley, about 10 miles from Harston at about 8.15 pm. Shortly after crossing the Cambs/Herts border they stopped, and between  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$ mile ahead of them at about eye level (the road beyond them dipped), slightly to their right, they saw what appeared to be a two-coach train. This passed in front of them as though crossing a bridge over the road and continued on in a west-east direction for a short while, finally being lost to view behind trees and an embankment, but-there was no railway and no bridge!

They heard no sound (Mr Bradford was outside the car, his wife inside). The 'train' moved at about 30 mph and had an estimated length of 100 feet. 'Windows' were comparatively large, taking up most of the height of the side of the 'carriages': these 'windows' were regularly spaced, but no definite outline of the 'train' could be made out. The object was in view for about a minute altogether, and three cars passed by the witnesses at speed during this time, but none stopped.

### Incident C

About half-a-dozen people outside the Old English Gentleman at app 8.15 pm on 29 November 1979, observed a 'steady shape' appear on a course that

was thought to be a plane, but as it flew over, it was completely silent and moving very slowly—possibly as little as 25-30 mph. The craft had 'a sort of boomerang shape '-no fuselage or tail. It was 'very low down' and had the bulk of a large plane. Steady green and red lights were near the wingtips as also was a very bright white light which did not, however, seem to emit a beam: these lights appeared to cover the complete 'depth' of the craft's leading edge. Duration of the sighting was  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 minutes, during which time the object moved from south to north. Other groups of people were watching lower down the road and the craft was also reported above Cambridge.

### Incident D

This took place roughly three quarters of an hour after the 'boomerang' object had been seen. A phone call was made to Mr Bradford by a Foxton resident (Foxton is about 4 miles away) to say another object was heading in their direction, so a number of people went to the rear of the Old English Gentleman to watch. As it came into view, it appeared like a 'railway carriage' or a 'double-decker bus,' with illuminated windows: these were oblong, narrower at the top than the bottom and had thin 'struts' between them. Witnesses also believed a further set of lights continued around underneath, but again the object was very low down and most witnesses had more or less a side view. An estimated 100 feet in length, this object, too, was noiseless. Also slow-moving, it had a very bright white light at the front and a white light a little higher, at the rear. The police were called but arrived too late to see anything.

With the kind co-operation of Paul Markillie, science correspondent of the Cambridge Independent, it was established that:

Cambridge police had reported no local flying over the area that night—there were no flights in or out of Marshall's Airport, Cambridge. Mildenhall USAF said that units from Lakenheath and Alconbury were on a night exercise and it was possible they could have been over the area between 6 pm to 9 pm, but no lights other than navigation lights would have been used. The aircraft would have been flying low, but not so low as the objects reported: nor would they have been noiseless.

RAF Honington, Met Office said that it was a clear night. The evening had been one of considerable atmospheric interference due to temperature inversion and this had caused radio and TV interference. However, it was unlikely that this would account for any visual phenomenon.

Dr David Dewhirst of the Cambridge University Institute of Astronomy took the reports seriously, adding that astronomers were probably less likely to see things in the sky since they would be concentrating on particular distant objects.

Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory stated that so far as UFO reports are concerned, they pick up radio spectra from the outer fringes of the universe, and with a focus at this distance, they are unlikely ever to pick up anything of this nature.

### Can you help?

A Bufora member from Sydenham (London SE26) who is unable to make use of public transport, would appreciate a lift to and from Kensington Meetings.

Please write to: Mr R Blackburn, Flat 7, Kenton Court, Adamsrill Road, SE26 (tel: 01.659.6320).

Will the reader who contacted the Membership Secretary in late December, regarding an incident on 25 November 1979, please write to Box 5, 95 Taunton Road, London SE12 8PA, or phone 01-852-7653. Complete anonymity is respected in all cases where this is requested. (See various items in *Report Extra!*)

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### **Uforum**

Having read Hilary Evans' letter (Bf Vol 8, No 5, Nov 1979) for the nth time, I am still unsure whether or not he is aligning the Christian faith with the study of the Occult. However, it would most certainly appear that he does not share that faith.

That is his prerogative: that is his problem.

But I would suggest that he does not speak from 'direct' experience in the ufological field, since having had the opportunity to spend some years in the study of the ubiquitous UFO during the 1977 'flap' in Pembrokeshire, I do feel I am now in a position to suggest that:—

- 1 There do exist entities in the shape of normal human beings whose sole purpose is to destroy belief in Christ. That is my active and physical experience and one which Mr Evans has apparently yet to undergo.
- 2 These entities are somehow part and parcel of the UFO phenomenon, although perhaps only on a peripheral basis.
- 3 Some of these entities are inimical to the welfare of Mankind—others are the reverse.
- 4 The whole UFO phenomenon is, at least in part, a cleaning-up operation of the ill effects of Man's rapacity, greed, cruelty and stupidity, all of which have accrued since he became 'civilised.'
- 5 In the quite near future, and before the outbreak of World War III, which will be well and truly 'nipped in the bud' by certain of these stupendous forces, direct contact will be made with Mankind on a worldwide basis.
- 6 One somewhat unsatisfactory aspect of the whole phenomenon is the

fact that these superlative potencies are themselves subordinate to a higher theolistic authority.

I will not go into Mr Evans' accusations of my being dogmatic or unscientific. I would only suggest that whatever the merits or demerits of *The UFO Guidebook*, he need not have been quite so uncharitably splenetic in his review.

R Jones Pugh St Brides View, Dyfed

I was appalled—and a little saddened—to hear Bufora's Research Director dismiss UFO reports with parapsychological overtones as 'twaddle' at the AGM in December. To suggest as he did that witnesses in such cases are mentally ill, displays an attitude of mind which Bufora was surely formed to combat.

I would be the first to defend Mr Pace's right to his own opinions, but I feel that it behoves the Director of Research to keep his options open on the many UFO hypotheses. I welcome the oft-stated editorial policy of the fournal to allow expression of all UFO hypotheses, regardless of its Editor's personal preference for ETH, but such does not appear to be the policy of the ill-named Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena, judging by the first issue. Does the Director of Research really consider that he is furthering the cause of ufology by denigrating witnesses whose reported experiences do not fit in with the hypothesis he favours?

> Michael Lewis Barnet, Herts

It should perhaps be mentioned that the remark referred to was made during question time at the talk following the AGM, not as part of a Research policy statement.—Ed.

I recently attended the Kensington lecture given by Mr Randall Jones Pugh concerning The Dyfed Enigma. Much of the subsequent discussion concerned the strange events at Ripperston Farm. I was particularly interested in the alleged teleportation of cattle from one location to another, and specifically, the occasion when Billy Coombes, the owner of the farm, was looking after his cattle in his cowshed. late one night when he heard the phone ring: he let it ring for some time but eventually answered it. His neighbour was on the other end of the line and told Billy that his cattle were wandering in his neighbour's fields. Naturally Billy denied it because he had just left them safely locked in his cowshed to answer the phone. However, when his neighbour insisted, he went back to the cowshed to check, and found they had disappeared.

How could alien beings carry out this fantastic 'party-trick?' Perhaps they created an illusion using a very sophisticated form of 3-D television, so that either Billy Coombes or his neighbour thought he could see, hear and feel the cattle, when in actual fact they

were elsewhere. Once Billy's and his neighbour's backs were turned, the aliens could have turned the illusion into reality and teleported the cattle from the cowshed to the fields. Teleportation itself is not in dispute . . . . but it is this idea of objects being in two places at once that needs some thinking about.

The answer given by Randall Jones Pugh, that the cattle in the neighbour's field were another part of the Coombes' herd is unsatisfactory, as it does not account for the fact that the cattle in the cowshed disappeared and were found in the neighbour's field.

MJ Lockyer London E6.

The last paragraph tends to give the impression that Randall does not consider teleportations took place. In fact, his replies to questions at that meeting made it clear he could find no rational alternative to five such instances. I can locate no specific reference to the cowshed incident, but as time truncated the tape-recording the point may have been raised during the closing minutes. Over to you, Randall.—Ed.

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## Houston engineer wins Cutty Sark £1,000

James Oberg, a self-described 'gentle sceptic' and 'sympathetic critic' and engineer at NASA's Mission Control Center, was the winner of the £1,000 Cutty Sark Whisky prize for 'the scientific paper judged to contribute most to our understanding of the UFO phenomena.' (See BJ Vol 7, No 2, July/August 1978).

Oberg, a member of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, entitled his essay "The Failure of the 'science' of ufology." Printed in the New Scientist of 11 October 1979, it proved to be a somewhat 'lack lustre' piece which concentrated on the 'points agin,' thus justifiably producing a not inconsiderable and somewhat heated response from a number of well-known ufologists in a later issue.

### Exe UFOs

Two reports from the Exe estuary appeared in the Sunday Express of 16 December 1979 and are currently under further investigation. The first was of a giant UFO hovering above a gasholder some 500 yards away. Witnessed by 12-year-old Grant Dixon and his mother, it was 'brilliantly lit' and 'made up of thousands of the brightest lights I've ever seen: they flashed on and off in some sort of rotation.' The second sighting was reported by 60-year-old Cyril Stanlake, whose car engine cut out as he left for work at 6 am . . . . 'I heard a strange humming noise and looked up to see a brightly coloured object like a dart moving across the sky . . . . ' Estimating its height at around 200 feet, Mr Stanlake watched it for some 20 seconds before it suddenly vanished: it took some little while for his car to restart.

### WASA

No—not NASA, but the 'World Authority for Spatial Affairs,' the brainchild of Major Colman S Von Keviczky (Ret'd), which should by now have been forcefully brought to the attention of the British public by the media. Von Keviczky, who appears to consider UFOs as both extraterrestrial and an ever-increasing threat to our survival, has been pressuring governments and the UN to take concerted action against 'homo cosmicus' since 1966, such action apparently to include the cessation of any hostile action they are taking already!

### "The first 21 years"

How did Soviet space exploration progress between the launching of their first Sputnik probe in 1957 and the record-breaking achievements of cosmonauts Valery Ryumin and Lt Col Vladimir Lyakov after their 175 days aboard the orbiting space station Salyut—6?

To mark the first 21 years of space exploration, a fully illustrated book has been written by Julian Popescu FBIS, a long-serving employee of the BBC Monitoring Service. He has had considerable experience of Russian technological developments and has drawn on this as well as source material previously unavailable. For example, there is some controversy surrounding the name of the man who first went into space. According to reliable sources, Sergey Iliyushin was the first, three or four days before Yuri Gagarin's famous flight. Because Iliyushin returned to Earth in a very serious condition, his exploits were never officially announced.

The programme of Russian space launchings has been carefully documented and the book is a significant

contribution to space literature. Published by Gothard House Publications on 4 October 1979, the anniversary of the first Russian space probe in 1957, Russian Space E\*ploration—the first 21 years, retails at £15.00.

### Velikovsky dies

It is with much regret that I record the death of Immanuel Velikovsky at his Princeton, New Jersey home on Saturday, 17 November 1979. Aged 84, Velikovsky's researches as set out in his books *Ages of Chaos, Worlds in Collision* and others, caused considerable controversy in scientific circles. Nonetheless, he successfully forecast that Venus would be a hot planet and his views had a considerable following worldwide.

### Radio London 'phone-in'

Bufora Director (then Chairman) Lionel Beer, together with Ian Ridpath (author of Messages From the Stars), appeared on an hour-long UFO phonein programme hosted by Radio London's Robbie Vincent on Monday, 3 December. The then topical case of the missing Frenchman, M Franck Fontaine, was discussed and Lionel remarked that most alleged UFO abductions were of a temporary nature. Shortly after, word came that M Fontaine had returned to the exact place of his disappearance about a week later. Only five callers actually got on the air. Four described their sighting experiences, whilst the fifth had never seen a UFO. During the programme, Ian Ridpath adopted the dogmatic line that up to now there has been some sort of explanation for every UFO sighting, but he appeared not to have investigated the validity of all such explanations.

#### Ye Olde . . . .

Valerie Martin sent me an excellent

card at Xmas which showed the sign outside *The Flying Saucer Inn* at Hempstead, Gillingham, Kent. Anyone else come across pub signs with UFO associations? If so, let's hear from you!

### Stand back, Miss World!

"In the evening of November 10 at about eight o'clock, I saw a mysterious object in the west, flying at a speed more terrific than that of a supersonic jet. Its head, a bit smaller than the Moon, released an ultra-bright light which gradually turned yellowish. The strange light in the object made me freeze with fear . . . I was short of breath and almost fainted as the object descended towards the Earth like a hawk preparing to grab a chicken.

God is great. It later changed its direction and shot towards south. It must be an unidentified flying object I have been waiting to see. I am scared of heavenly bodies."

(Letter in Kenyan Standard of 24 November 1978).

## "The First Professor of Aerospace History"

On 20 November 1979, Betty Wood, Eve Demuth and Lionel Beer attended an evening lecture by Charles Gibbs-Smith at the College of Psychic Studies in Queensbury Place, South Kensington. Lionel writes: "The Chairman introduced Charles Gibbs-Smith ('Am over 70 now') as the First Professor of Aerospace History at the Smithsonian Institute. Charles stressed at the start that there was 'absolutely no question that they are real.' He seemed to devote the first 15 minutes, and in fact a substantial part of his talk to attacking official attitudes . . . . He thought that George Adamski was an honest man,

but a half-baked 'seer.' He exhorted us to view the 15th century frescoes of Pierre della Francesca (in Arezzo, Tuscany) who had a good line in cloud-like UFOs. Charles admitted to a fear of looking at lightning, and he had seen a 2ft fireball sitting on the rig holding the cross-members of a boat. He quoted Dr Allen Hynek several times and said that 'Hynek is a very fine man...'

"As he had recently returned from the USA, it was the more surprising that apart from references to GEPAN, the UN and the Lords debate, the subject matter of his rather bitty talk was at least five years out of date. For someone erudite in aviation history, he really ought to have briefed himself better for his preamble on UFOs."

### UFOs—Yes

Quotes from astronaut Gordon Cooper interviewed by a *Daily Express* reporter on 7 November 1979:—

"God I'm convinced of ...." "Heaven could be a distant galaxy, or maybe they recycle us and send us back here." "There's no way we're alone in space, but I don't envisage green monsters ...." "UFOs I'm sure of. And they're friendly. If they weren't, they've enough superior knowledge to blow us to bits."

### Kuwait Oil Alert

I am indebted to Bufora member Malcolm Bull for supplying me with an article from the March 1979 issue of the magazine *Envoy International*,

from which the following details were obtained. The report was first referred to in BJ Vol 8, No 1, Jan/Feb 1979.

On 10 November 1978, seven Kuwait Oil Co officials reported a landed UFO at an oil pumping station 50 kms from Kuwait City. The Company's main computer had shown the station to have stopped working, and on reaching it the officials found a huge disc-like red-domed object, which flew off as they approached. The station then worked normally, but technicians at a nearby satellite tracking station experienced a seven-minute communications black-out which lifted at the exact moment the object disappeared.

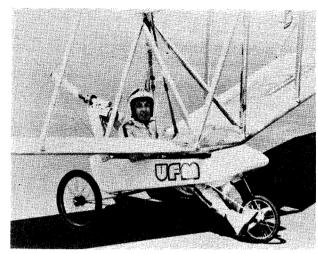
Three days later a second sighting was reported from the same area—a sighting of another huge object, cylindrical in shape, with a large dome and a flashing red light. A third case involved a Kuwait Oil Co employee filming in the Sabria oilfields: a UFO appeared and roamed over water tankers: he was said to have filmed the object for nearly half an hour, but the oil company refused to confirm this.

### A China Basin?

A 1977 report from Peking gives details of a sighting investigated by Yuen Zhanxin, an anthropologist. The UFO was seen by a student in Hubei for about a minute. He described it as being like a round basin with white and yellow lights.

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## And now-a UFM!



Larry Mauro, of Santa Clara, California, claims to have developed the first solar-powered manned aircraft. Christened Solar Riser, its first flight scheduled for 28 April 1979 at the Chino Air Show, had to be abandoned because the FAA grounded the plane. "They looked at me in utter disbelief, as if I'd driven up in a Flying Saucer.

They didn't believe what they saw. I think it scared them," said Mauro.

Nevertheless, the following day the craft achieved its initial aerial baptism at Flabob Airport, Riverside, California, when it covered a distance of half a mile in one-and-a-half minutes, reaching an altitude of 30 to 40 feet and a maximum speed of around 24mph.

Weighing only 125 pounds, the Solar Riser has over 500 solar cells in the upper wing, under the clear plastic covering.

### Other details:

### Manufacturer:

UFM (ULTRA-light Flying Machines), Santa Clara, California.

Cost: \$50,000.

Designer, Builder,

**Pilot:** Larry Mauro. **Weight:** 125 pounds.

Weight with pilot: 290 pounds.

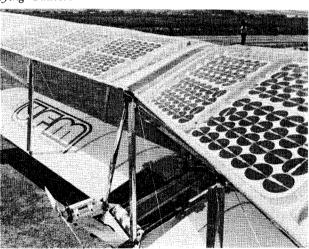
Wing Span: 30 feet.
Wing Area: 175 sq. feet.

Type: Bi-plane.

**Power:** 3 horse power electric motor

spinning a 41" diameter propeller. Electrical energy generated by 500 solar (photo

voltaic) cells.



## What don't you believe?

In a recent Journal I invited members to submit contributions supporting hypotheses which did not represent their own point of view. The following were amongst those received—Ed.

## UFOs—Spaceships or Time Machines?

UFOs have been seen in the skies of the world for many years now—in fact, they've been around since biblical times. So far, no one can say just what they are or where they come from. Before the answer can be given and the origin of the UFO fully explained, there are four main questions to be answered:—

1 What are they? 2 Who are they? 3 Where do they come from? 4 What do they want?

What follows is not my opinion, but a possible explanation.

First, to answer the questions:

- 1 They are not spaceships but time machines.
- 2 They are historians and/or scientists.
- **3 They originate from** Earth's future—possibly the 21st/22nd century.
- **4 To study** Earth's past history, so to speak, at first hand.

Is it not possible that in the 22nd century, or earlier, the people of Earth have developed a safe means of time travel? That the scientists and historians of that time are using this means to obtain a clear, precise picture of the past history of their planet Earth? If we had the means to travel in time to the past, would we not be doing just that?

Many years ago, computers, submarines, robots, rockets, spacecraft, etc, were only fantasy found in the pages of science fiction magazines. What are they today? Fact! Fiction turned to fact! So why not time machines? From the rate our technology is expanding today, there is the possibility that, in the not too-distant future, such a time-machine will be constructed, will be used.

Let us assume that to travel in time one has to pass some sort of 'Time Door' from future to past and vice versa, and that this door opened in, say the area known as 'The Triangle,' or as some people call it, 'The Devil's Triangle.' Is it not then possible that when this door is opened for the passage of 'Time Ships,' that at this precise time and place, aircraft and ships of our own time are inadvertently drawn through with them? Would that not explain all the disappearances in this area over the years? Some people might say this is impossible. Is it? Can they prove it? I don't think they can. Furthermore I don't believe they can disprove the possibility of time machines or time travel!

Not so many years ago, it was not considered possible for men to reach the Moon. It was not considered possible for ships to circumnavigate the world underwater—including the polar ice caps. It was not considered possible for aircraft to fly without propellers. I remember, as a young boy, reading of these wonders only in science fiction comics and magazines, or going to the local picture house to see 'Flash Gordon and his trips to Mars.' What do we have now? Within the space of a few years we have them all. Spacecraft—of a sort: jet-propelled aircraft: nuclear sub-

marines, etc. So why not Time Machines? Why not Time Travel? It is possible—everything is possible. Long ago H G Wells wrote of just such a thing in his book *The Time Machine*, which is now a modern classic. The subject is not a new one. I would not be surprised if, somewhere in this world, there is not someone—or a group of someones—contemplating the possibility of Time Travel or looking into the possibility of constructing a Time Travel Machine. The possibilities are there. The probabilities are there.

Everything is possible (with a little imagination).

F R Hendry Ambroseden, Oxon.

## The Himalaya Hypothesis

To people who ask, What *are* UFOs? I have this simple answer: Why don't we go and find out?

If all the time and effort that has been and is currently being wasted on idle speculation had been devoted to solid exploration, we would probably have the answer by now. I am talking, of course, of straightforward terrestrial exploration, and for the very good reason that no other explanation need be sought: indeed, no other is logically tenable! An extra-terrestrial explanation is clearly ruled out, not only by the distances involved, but also by the sheer improbability that ET life should be so astonishingly similar to our own. If the creatures are as earthlike as described, adjusted to our gravity and humidity, breathing our atmosphere and tolerating its pressure, they must necessarily originate in a place with earthlike conditions: and I know no place more earthlike than the Earth itself.

Having thus narrowed the field, and

disregarding the various intriguing but unsubstantiated 'Hollow Earth ' theories, we have to consider what options are available on our planet's surface. I must confess that for a while I was a convert to the Antarctica Hypothesis, influenced by the abundance of interesting sightings reported from that region and of course, by Albert Bender's experiences. On rereading that sorely afflicted ufologist's tale, however, I formed the opinion that his abductors had deliberately used him as a means of diverting our attention away from their true place of origin.

To accomplish this, they would of course, need to be highly intelligent beings with their own reasons for maintaining a low profile. It will hardly have escaped anyone's notice that for more than a century we of the west have looked to the East as the source of True Wisdom. We import their gurus: we practise their meditation techniques: Anglo-saxon evening classes from California to Clapham sit nightly in oriental postures, chanting guttural mantras to the scent of joss sticks, while the more adventurous take the high road to Nepal and the stay-athomes dream of Shangri-La.

The Himalayas are one of the last great wildernesses of our planet. To this day they are largely unexplored, as Karyl Robin-Evans' recent *Sungods in Exile* witnesses: unmentioned in the encyclopaedias, an entire human people maintain their traditional life-style, with its extraordinary heritage of legend.

I possess a letter written me by a German officer's widow, who tells of losing her way after nightfall on a mountain, when suddenly a mysterious radiant Being appeared to guide her to safety.

There was no doubt in her mind what manner of being this was: a bodhisattva, one of the Occult Masters revered by the theosophists. It is reliably reported of these beings that they can transcend human limitations, not only by fasting and enduring pain, hunger and cold, but also by acts of bi-location and the ability to conjure up tulpas—thought—forms having a humanoid appearance yet capable of autonomous action. It may well be that many UFO entities are in fact tulpas.

One objection to the terrestrial thesis is that many reported ufonauts do not resemble us. To that I retort, a good many of US don't resemble us! Look around you on bus and tube, and ask yourself what a ufonaut would make of such a diversity of creatures; then add hairy ainu from Japan, towering masai and pygmies from Africa, and perhaps a yeti and a sasquatch for good measure . . . .!

But to be more specific: there is a clear correlation between reports of ufonauts and the people of the Himalayas—on the one hand the short, animal-featured native peasantry: on the other, the tall, ascetic lamas of the superior classes. Imagine these, wearing clothes appropriate for high-speed flight, and you will not find it difficult to see in them the basis of most ufonaut sightings.

One further objection to the Himalaya Hypothesis is with regard to technology. Just as Switzerland is the land of the cuckoo-clock, so Tibet is the land of the prayer wheel. But we know that in reality the Swiss have progressed far beyond cuckoo-clocks. Equally, we need not doubt that the Tibetan has achieved a more advanced technology in his mountain fastnesses. Why, perhaps you ask, have we heard so little about it? Look at the map

and the answer is obvious. Precariously located between the rest of China to the east, Russia to the west, is it any wonder if the Masters prefer to keep their achievements under those tall Tibetan hats of theirs until the time be ripe?

What is surprising, indeed, is that there have been any sightings at all! Yet a sufficient number of cases have been reported to show that the world pattern is repeated even here. The Roerich sighting of 1926, when that intrepid adventurer saw 'something big and shiny reflecting the Sun, like a huge oval moving at great speed' (Lore & Deneault, Mysteries of the Skies, 1968) was archetypal. More recently, the Gill/Baird sightings in Nepal 1972 (FSR 19/4) testify to the recurrence of the phenomenon. Considering the remoteness of the region, the scantiness of the native population and the improbability that they would report what they saw—who, in heaven's name, would they report it to?—the evidence for UFO activity is at least as strong as that in other parts of the world: and the logical argument for this being their place of origin is, I submit, a very strong one.

So, I say again, why don't we go and see? For a fraction of what the American taxpayer paid Professor Condon and his colleagues, a reconnaissance of the Himalayas could be mounted. And, who knows, perhaps instead of 968 pages of ineffectual verbiage, it might bring back a reallife, three-dimensional, here-and-now flying object, no longer unidentified.

Hilary Evans London, SE13.

Notwithstanding these two erudite contributions, the UFO mystery is obviously completely solved by our last letter!—*Ed.* 

### Upside/Downside

Having just heard of your Society from an investigator who dropped in on us recently, I just can't tell you how pleased we all are to find we're not the only ones plagued by those confounded UFOs. Can you help us?

About 29 Upside years back, 5 oddlooking objects started buzzing about inside here: they were clearly metallic and had long bodies, a bit sticking up at the back and two sets of protrusions, the forward ones much longer than the others. We think they must have come from another dimension or something because they've been seen all under the place and can't seem to get out. What's more, just after they first appeared, a larger UFO began to follow them around and a voice from it keeps calling out, "Why don't you five b---rs get back to Fort Lauderdale?' This means nothing to us down here. Anyway, we sent a derodisc or two Upside via the poleole to see what it was all about, but none of you seem to want to co-operate, even when we drag you aboard and get our psychs to work you over. We even beamed up a number of your quadrowheels and one person actually thought we were someone called Hitler with pink eyes and sidewhiskers (our sidewhiskers—not his!) Who was Hitler? But it served her right that we banged her car up and down on the grass verge the first time.

Lately, though, this UFO invasion has been getting worse, because the things coming through are much bigger, with odd-looking funnel things on them and lots of round holes in the sides—and the Deroids in them all say 'It's that b---y Triangle again' and then

expire! Trouble is, the holes are letting the water through and it's putting our Sun out!

We need help urgently. What are these UFOs? Can you plug the holes before our Sun goes Omega?

H Urth (Address smudged).

NB—Should you wish to comment on any points in these 'solutions,' please bear in mind that they do NOT represent the actual opinions of the contributors—Ed.

### Personal Column

Kings Lynn, Norfolk—A competent, mature investigator living near Kings Lynn in Norfolk is needed to obtain additional information on a 1969 sighting. (See page 12 of the 1969/1970 issue of the Bufora Journal). Expenses paid. Reply via Air Mail to Jan Eric Herr, 6250 Stanley Avenue, San Diego, Calif 92115, USA.

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Due to pressure on space I have omitted Sighting Summaries from this issue. The feature will be resumed in the next journal—Ed.

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